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# PURUSHOTTAM DEV AND PADMAVATI



Prince Purushottam Dev, the legendary hero of our story, was a staunch devotee of Lord Jagannatha, the famous deity of Puri.

According to historians, the 190-feet tall temple of the deity was built in the twelfth century by the Ganga kings of Kalinga. The walls and pillars of the temple are beautifully sculpted. Every year in the month of June, over 200,000 devotees flock to Puri to participate in the grand festival of Jagannatha, when the idols of Jagannatha, Balarama and Subhadra are taken on three huge wooden chariots with sixteen wheels each, to the temple of Gunicha which is a mile away from the main temple. The devotees believe that the relics of Krishna are contained in the image of Jagannatha.

Our story tells of the love of Prince Purushottam Dev for Padmavati, the beautiful princess of Kanchi. The two have to face many trials before they are finally united at the car festival of the deity, Jagannatha.

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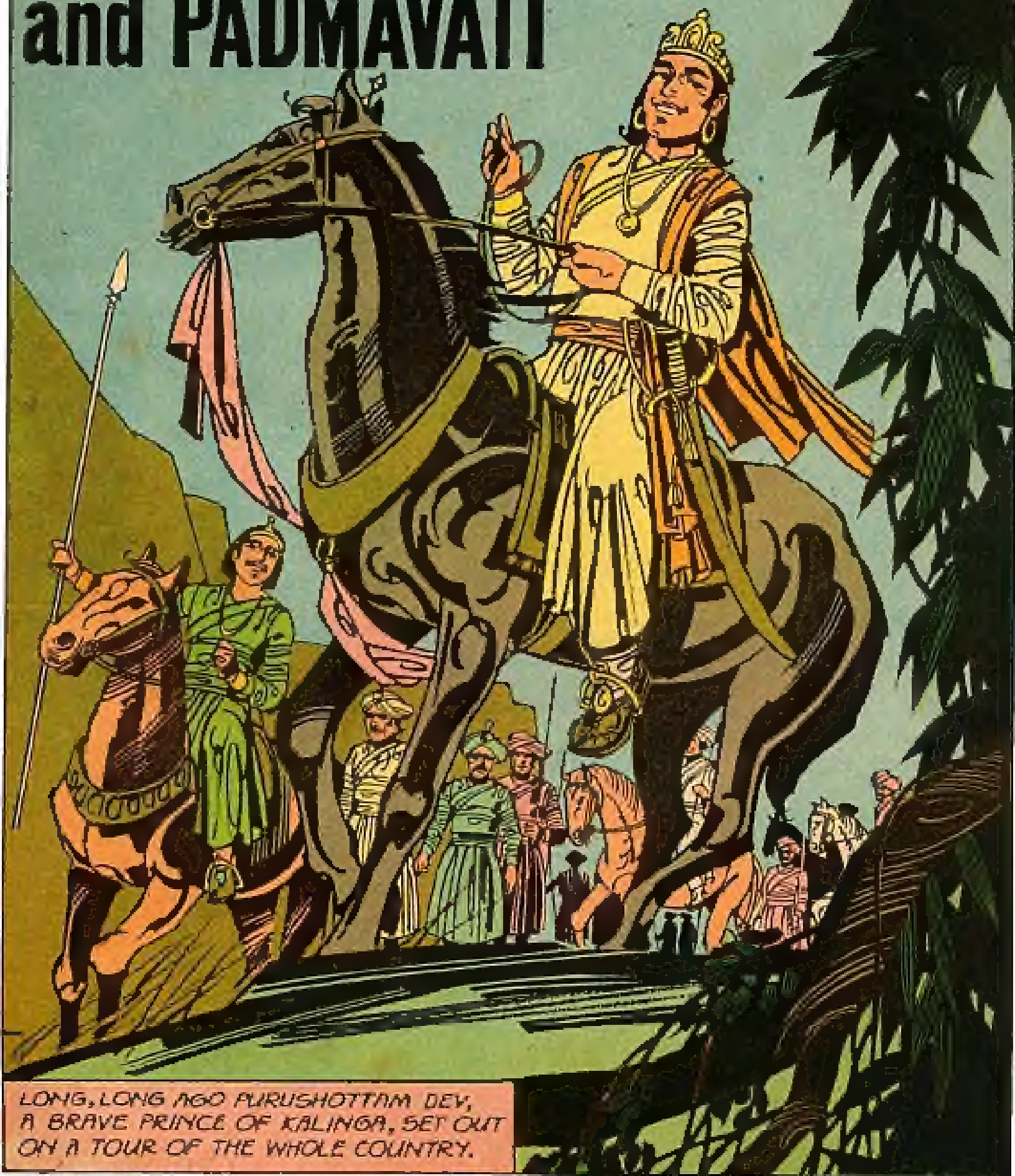
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LONG, LONG AGO PURUSHOTTAM DEV,  
A BRAVE PRINCE OF KALINGA, SET OUT  
ON A TOUR OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

ONE DAY, HE AND HIS COMPANIONS CAMPED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF A FOREST IN THE KINGDOM OF KANCHI.



SUDDENLY —

WHAT A  
BEAUTIFUL  
DEER!



PURUSHOTTAM DEV FOLLOWED THE DEER INTO THE FOREST.

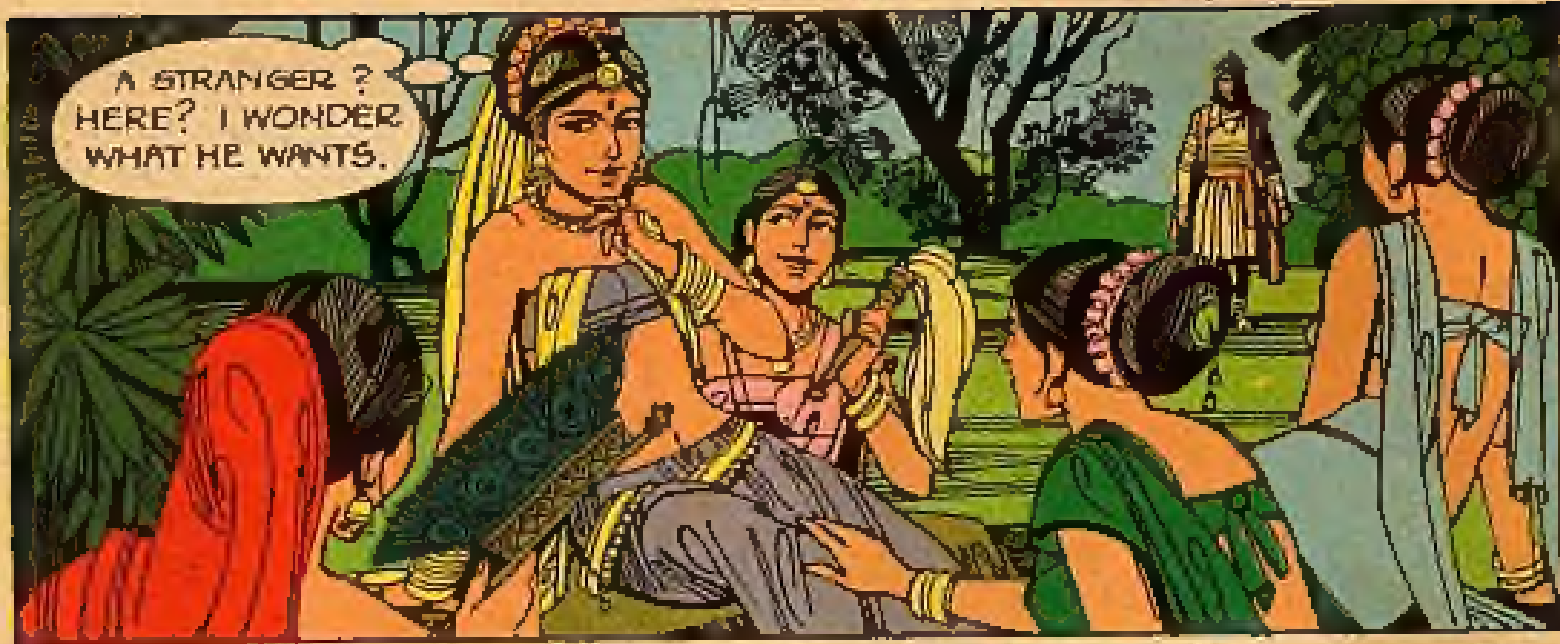
I SHALL  
TRACK IT  
DOWN.





BUT BEFORE HE COULD GO FAR, TWO STRONG MEN BLOCKED HIS WAY.





PURUSHOTTAM DEV BOWED TO THE PRINCESS.



THE PRINCESS REMAINED SILENT.







THE KING TURNED TO  
HIS MINISTER.

WE MUST NOT  
ALLOW THE PRINCE  
OF KALINGA TO PASS  
THROUGH OUR KINGDOM  
LIKE A COMMONER.  
GO INVITE HIM TO  
THE PALACE.



THE MINISTER HURRIED TO PURUSHOTTAM DEV'S CAMP.

OUR KING SENDS  
YOU HIS  
GREETINGS. HE  
WOULD LIKE  
TO ENTERTAIN  
YOU AT THE  
PALACE.

I AM  
HONOURED!



AT THE PALACE—

O MIGHTY  
KING OF KANCHI,  
I AM PLEASED  
TO MEET YOU.  
YOURS IS A  
DELIGHTFUL  
KINGDOM.







PURUSHOTTAM DEV EAGERLY ACCEPTED THE INVITATION. HE OCCUPIED HIMSELF WITH VARIOUS ROYAL SPORTS AND REJOICED HIS HOSTS WITH FASCINATING TALES OF TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE.



A FEW DAYS LATER, A MESSENGER CAME FROM PURI, THE CAPITAL OF KALINGA.

I BRING BAD NEWS. YOUR FATHER IS DEAD.

THE PRINCE BID THE ROYAL FAMILY FAREWELL AND HASTENED BACK TO PURI.

AS SOON AS PURUSHOTTAM DEV REACHED PURI, HE WAS CROWNED KING OF KALINGA.



BUT HE COULD NOT  
FORGET PADMAVATI



HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY,  
PADMAVATI TOO THOUGHT AN  
DREAMT OF HIM



AT LAST  
HER CLOSE  
COMPANIONS  
DECIDED TO  
TELL THE  
QUEEN  
ABOUT IT

OUR PRINCESS IS IN  
LOVE WITH THE  
KING OF KALINGA

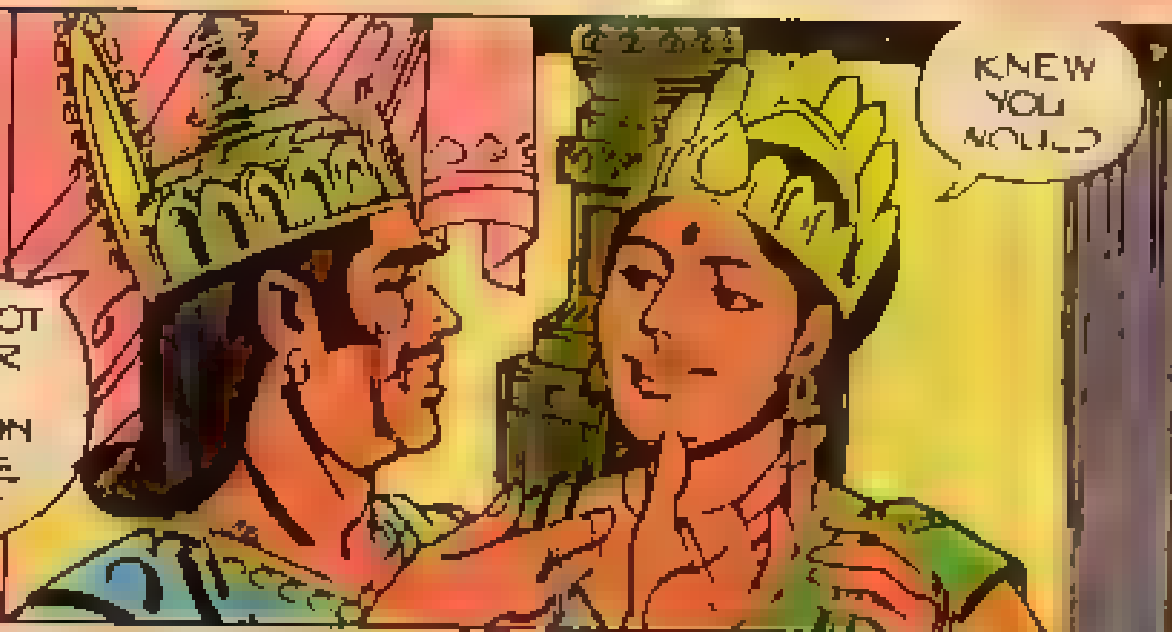


I HAD SUSPECTED  
IT, SHALL  
SPEAK TO  
HER FATHER

THE KING WAS  
DELIGHTED.

SHE COULD NOT  
HAVE GET HER  
HEART ON A  
BETTER PERSON  
SHALL SETTLE  
MATTERS FAST

KNEW  
YOU  
WOULD



HE SENT FOR HIS MINISTER

I WISH TO OFFER MY DAUGHTER IN MARRIAGE TO THE YOUNG KING OF KALINGA

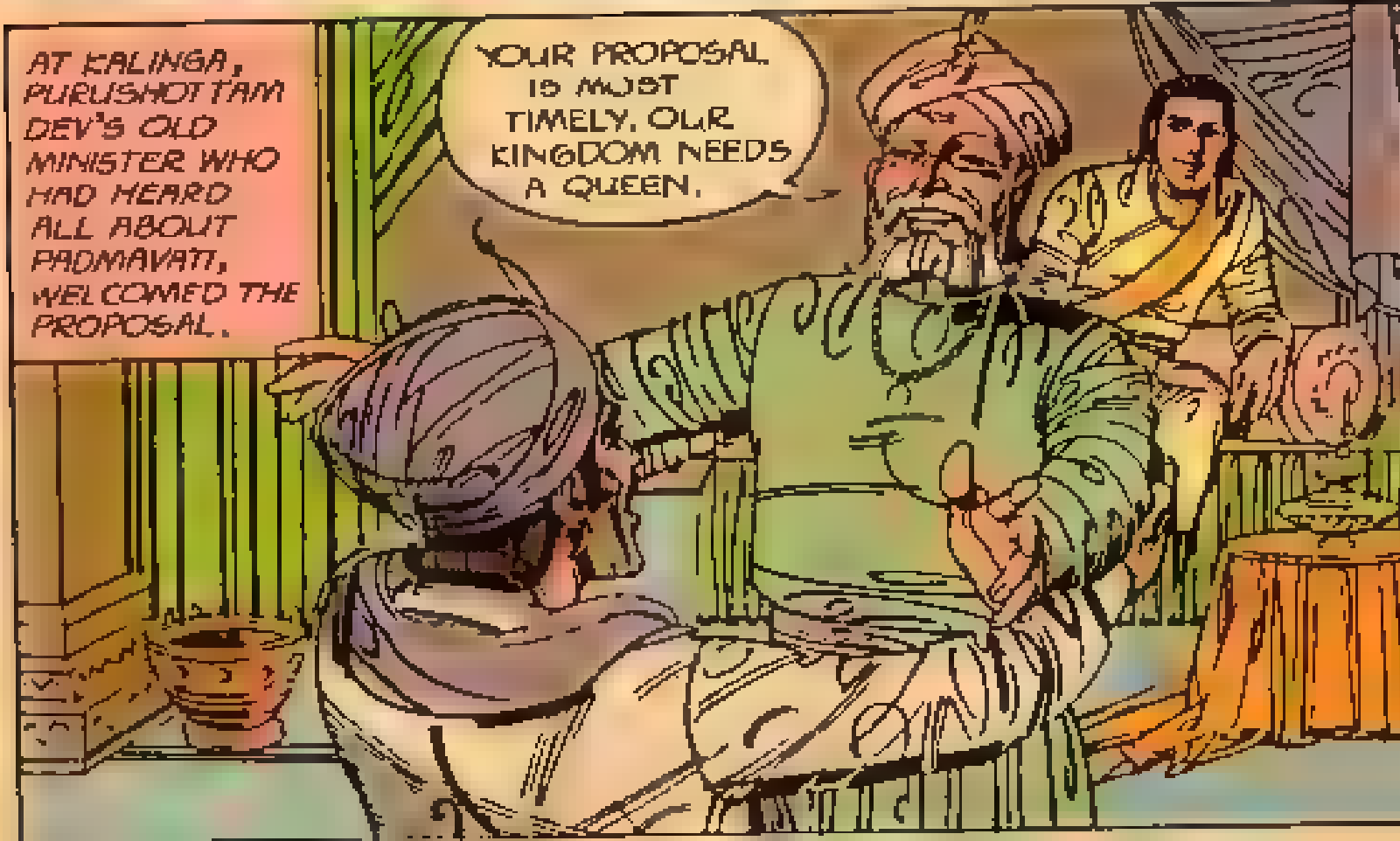
YOUR MAJESTY, SHALL TAKE THE PROPOSAL TO KALINGA

SO THE MINISTER SET OUT FOR KALINGA

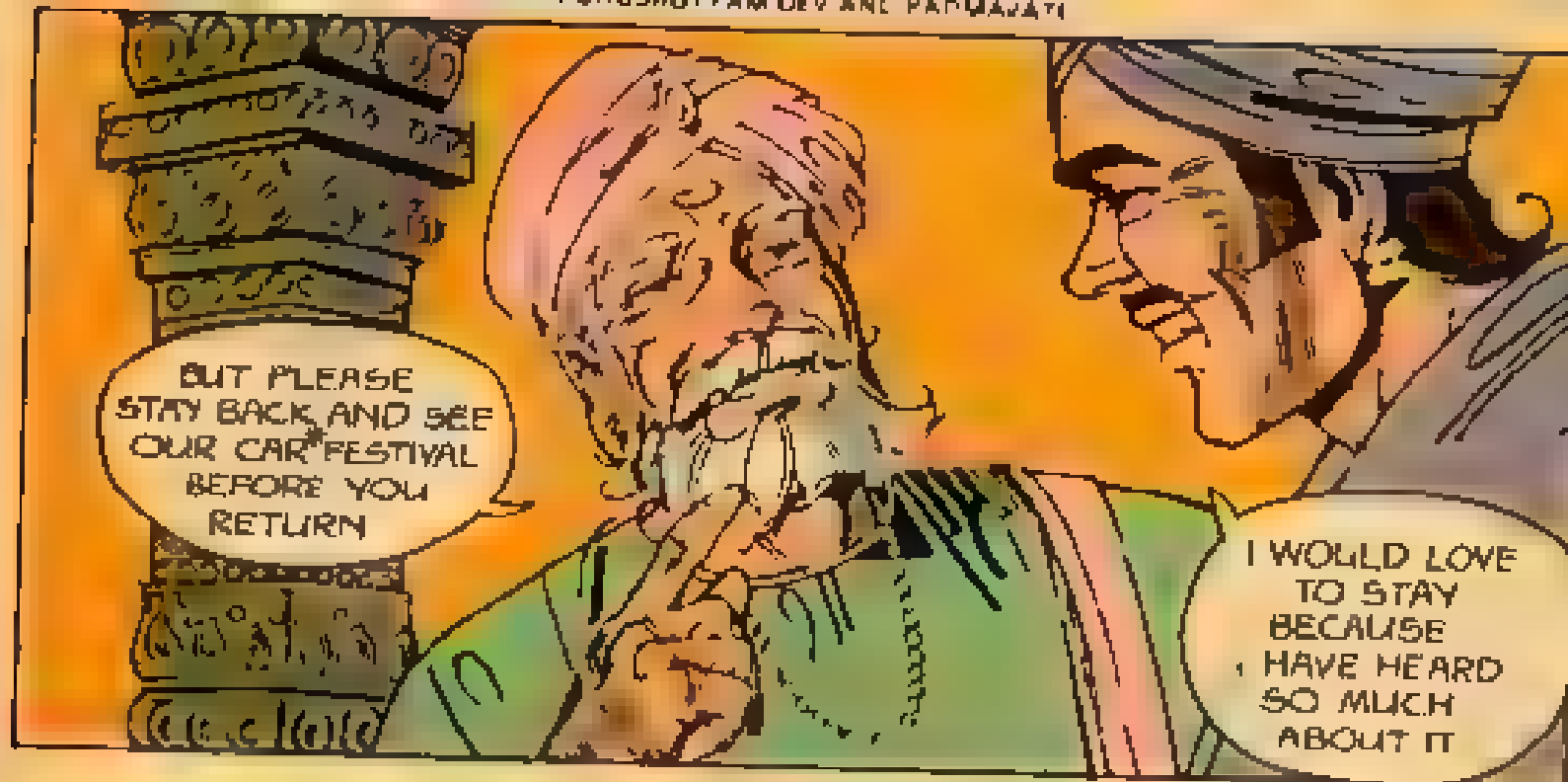


AT KALINGA, PURUSHOTTAM DEV'S OLD MINISTER WHO HAD HEARD ALL ABOUT PADMAVATI, WELCOMED THE PROPOSAL.

YOUR PROPOSAL IS MOST TIMELY, OUR KINGDOM NEEDS A QUEEN.







BUT PLEASE  
STAY BACK AND SEE  
OUR CAR FESTIVAL  
BEFORE YOU  
RETURN

I WOULD LOVE  
TO STAY  
BECAUSE  
I HAVE HEARD  
SO MUCH  
ABOUT IT

THE DAY OF THE FAMOUS CAR FESTIVAL SOON DAWNED  
IT WAS HELD IN HONOUR OF THE PRESIDING DEITIES OF  
PURI, LORD JAGANNATH, HIS ELDER BROTHER BALARAMA  
AND THEIR SISTER SUBHADRA ACCORDING TO TRADITION  
BEFORE THE CAR WAS DRAWN BY THE DEVILES,  
THE KING OF KALINGA IN A SYMBOLIC ACT HAD TO  
SWEEP IT



HOW  
HUMILIATING!  
THE KING  
HOLDING A BROOM!

BACK AT KANCHI, AFTER THE MINISTER TOLD THE KING ABOUT THE STRANGE SIGHT HE SAW...

IT WOULD NEVER DO OUR PRINCESS CANNOT WED A KING WHO SWEEPS CHARIOTS

NEVER!

PLEASE SEND WORD THAT OUR PROPOSAL IS WITHDRAWN.

AT PURI—

A DAUGHTER OF THE ROYAL HOUSE OF KANCHI CANNOT MARRY A KING WHO WIELDS THE BROOM

I SHALL COME TO KANCHI AND EXPLAIN

THE OLD MINISTER MADE  
THE LONG TRIP TO KANCHI  
AT THE COURT.

YOUR HIGHNESS, MY  
KING HAS BEEN  
MISUNDERSTOOD

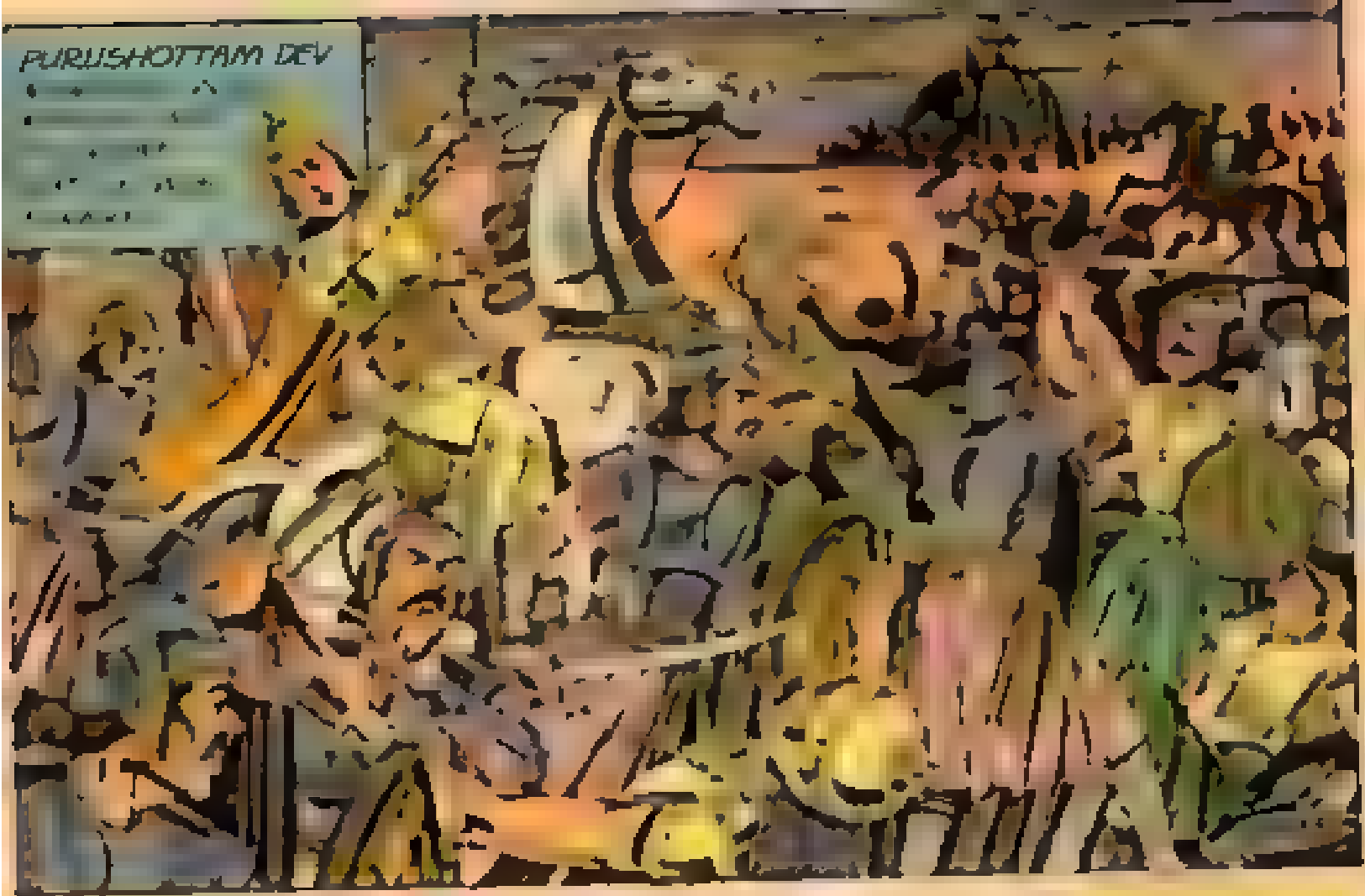
THE ACT EMPHASISES THAT EVEN THE  
KING IS ONLY A SERVANT OF GOD.

AM SORRY  
I AM NOT  
CONVINCED

THE HUMILIATED MINISTER RETURNED TO PURI

YOUR HIGHNESS, THE KING OF KANCHI  
REFUSES TO GIVE HIS DAUGHTER TO YOU  
BECAUSE YOU SWEEP THE CHAR-  
LOT FOR THE  
FESTI-  
VAL

SHALL  
TAKE THIS  
UP WITH  
HIM ON THE  
BATTLEFIELD



THE PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE WERE VERY HAPPY TO SEE THE BULL AND THE PEOPLE WHO WERE WITH IT. THEY WERE ALL VERY HAPPY AND THEY WERE ALL VERY HAPPY.





AT DAWN, THE NEXT DAY THE KING  
OF KANCHI ATTACKED

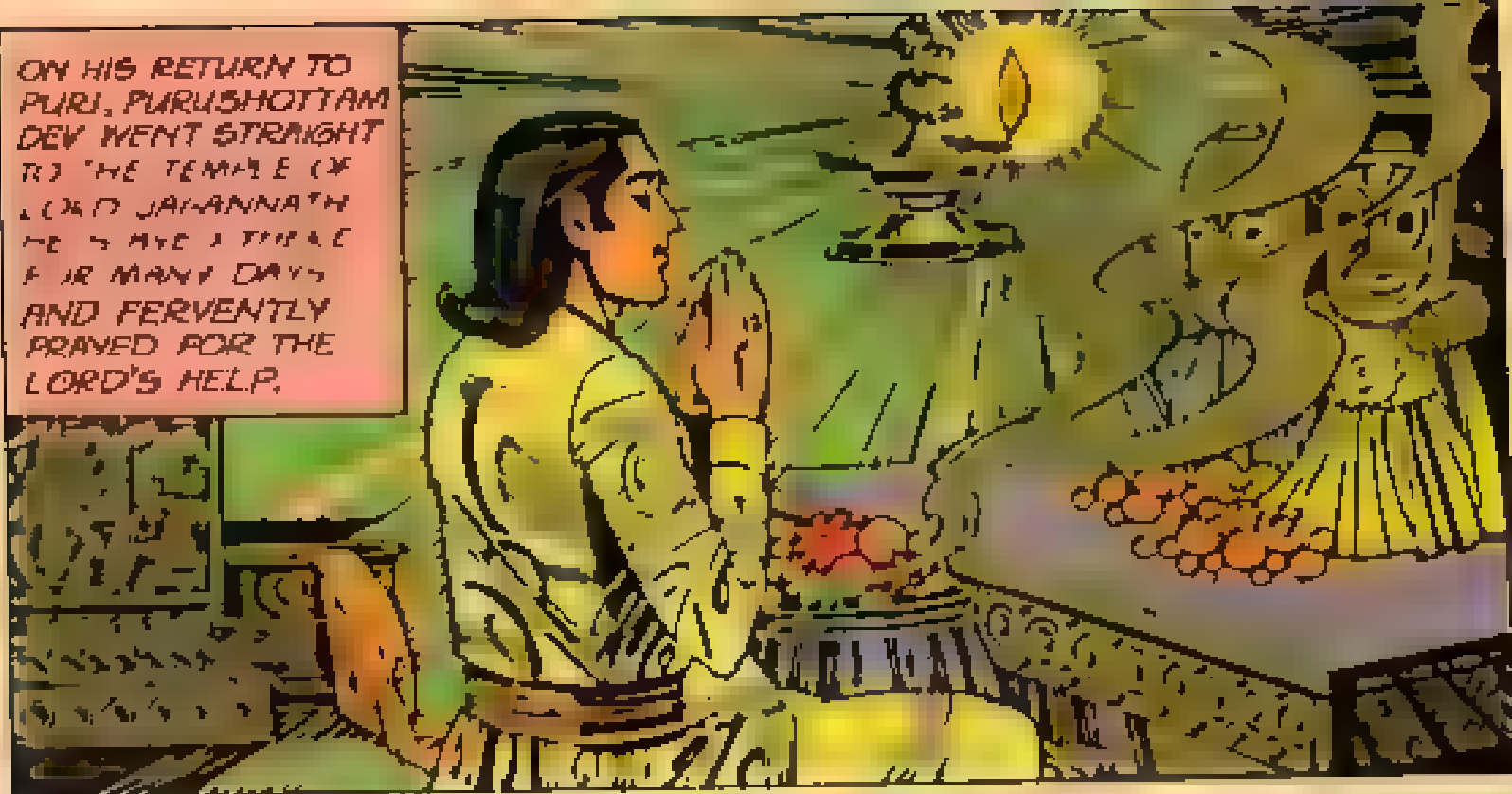


DURING THE BATTLE TAM DEV WAS  
FORCED TO RETREAT

YOU SHALL PAY FOR  
THIS IN OUR NEXT  
BATTLE, O KING  
OF KANCHI



ON HIS RETURN TO PURI, PURUSHOTTAM DEV WENT STRAIGHT TO THE TEMPLE OF LORD JAGANNATH HE STAYED THERE FOR MANY DAYS AND FERVENTLY PRAYED FOR THE LORD'S HELP.



AT KANCHI -

I SHALL HOLD A SWAYAMVARA\* FOR PADMAVATI IT WILL HELP HER FORGET THE SWEET PRINCE



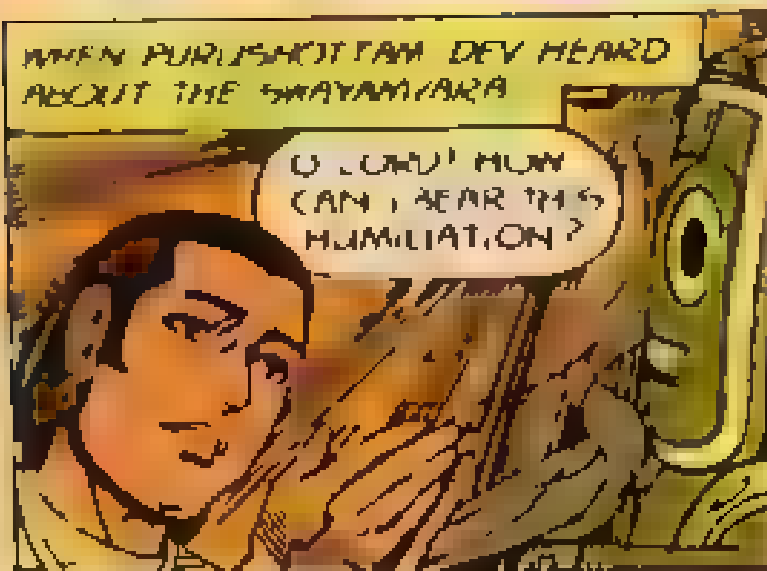
HE SENT FOR HIS MINISTER

SEE THAT ALL THE KINGS OF THE LAND ARE INVITED EXCEPT, OF COURSE, THE SWEET PRINCE



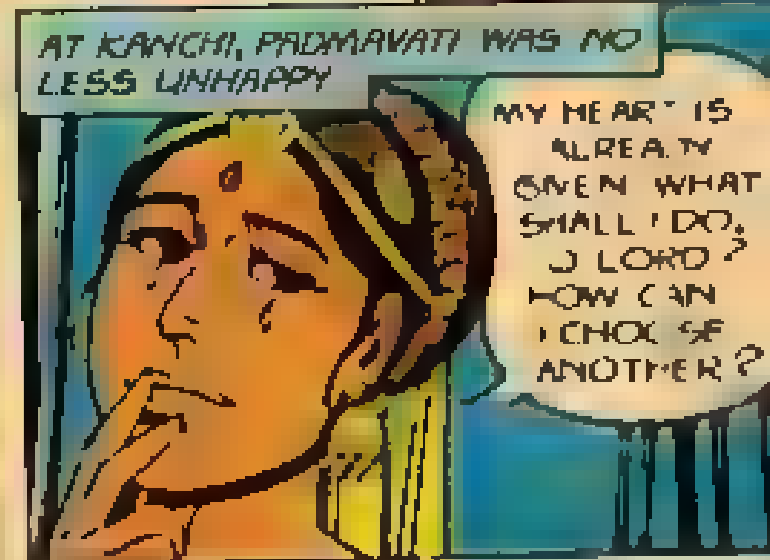
WHEN PURUSHOTTAM DEV HEARD ABOUT THE SWAYAMVARA

O LORD! HOW CAN I BEAR THIS HUMILIATION?



AT KANCHI, PADMAVATI WAS NO LESS UNHAPPY

MY HEART IS ALREADY GIVEN WHAT SHALL I DO, O LORD? HOW CAN I CHOOSE ANOTHER?



\* IN OLDEN DAYS, A GIRL OF THE KSHATRYIA CASTE WAS PERMITTED TO CHOOSE HER HUSBAND FROM AMONG SEVERAL SUITORS

ONE NIGHT, LORD VISHNU CAME TO PURUSHOTTAM DEV IN HIS DREAM



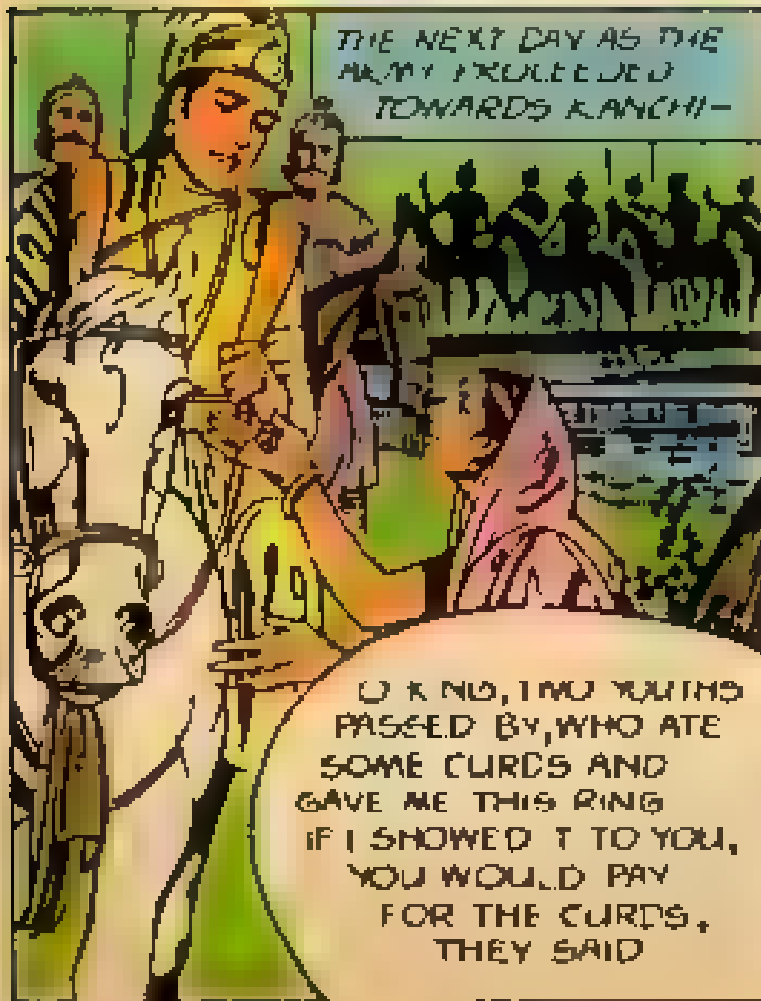
DO NOT  
DESPAIR, DEAR  
KING AM  
WITH YOU

IN THE MORNING, THE KING GAVE  
ORDERS



WE MARCH TOWARDS  
KANCHI TOMORROW  
MOBILISE YOUR TROOPS

THE NEXT DAY AS THE  
ARMY MOVED  
TOWARDS KANCHI-



O KING, TWO YOUTHS  
PASSED BY, WHO ATE  
SOME CURDS AND  
GAVE ME THIS RING  
IF I SHOWED IT TO YOU,  
YOU WOULD PAY  
FOR THE CURDS,  
THEY SAID

THE KING WAS ASTONISHED



BUT THIS IS  
LORD JAGANNATH'S  
DIAMOND RING!

IN A FLASH HE UNDERSTOOD. THE TWO YOUTHS WERE JAGANNATH AND BALABHAI. THEY HAD

WAS HEY THEY HAD  
I KNEW HIM

WHO, KNOW YOU  
WILL WITH ME



FLURRY SHOT HIM DOWN REWARDED THE POOR WOMAN WITH A VILLAGE AND NAMED IT AFTER HER - MARK PATNA



THEN HE AND HIS ARMY MARCHED ON WITH FRESH HOPE





IN A FEW DAYS, THEY  
REACHED KANCHI  
AND STORMED THE  
HIGH WALL AROUND  
THE CITY WITH EASE



SOON THE  
CITY WALL  
FELL THE  
KALINGA  
ARMY  
SURROUNDED  
THE PALACE.



AND FINALLY THE DOORS OF THE  
IMPRISONMENT WERE FLUNG OPEN



NOW THAT VICTORY WAS THEIRS,  
PURUSHOTTAM DEV ORDERED HIS

MINISTERS

NO MEMBER OF

THE ROYAL FAMILY SHOULD  
BE HARASSED OR  
INJURED IN  
ANY MANNER



AT THE SAME TIME THE KING  
ORDERED HIS MINISTERS TO



NOTHING NEW  
SHALL BE FREED,  
BUT

WHAT DO YOU  
WANT TO  
DO WITH ME?



HE HESITATED FOR A MOMENT AS ALL THE HUMILIATION OF BEING LEFT OUT  
OF THE NEGOTIATION TO THE ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEFORE HIM



THE PRINCESS COULD NOT BELIEVE HER EARS WHEN SHE HEARD OF PLAINLY THAT DEVILS PLAYS FOR HER



THE PRINCESS THEN RODE A WHITE HORSE WITH A PRINCE ALONG WITH HER CAPTIVE PRINCESS

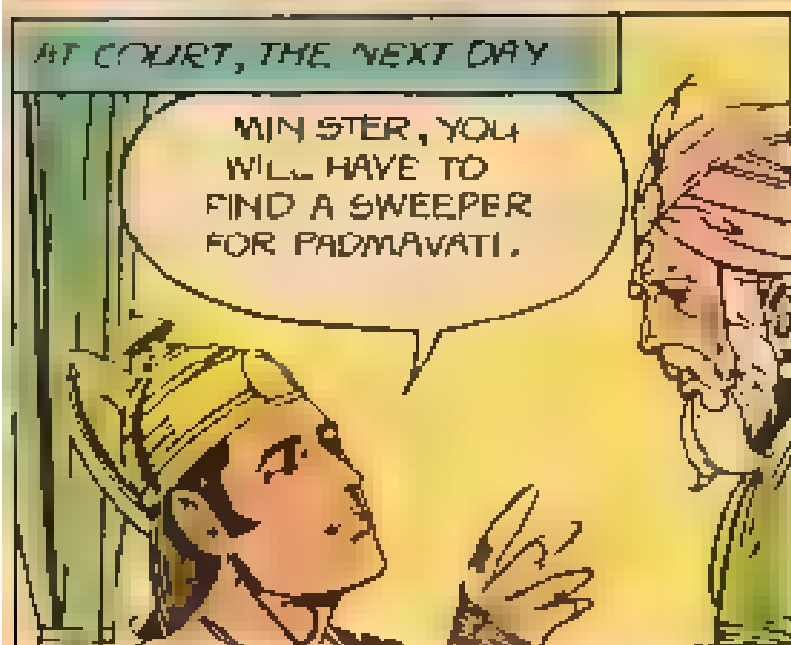


ALL PURI WAS OUT TO WELCOME  
THE VICTORIOUS KING



AT COURT, THE NEXT DAY

MINISTER, YOU  
WILL HAVE TO  
FIND A SWEEPER  
FOR PADMAVATI.



THE MINISTER WAS SAD.

IT IS A BITTER  
TASK THAT  
I HAVE BEEN  
GIVEN



PRINCESS PADMAVATI WAS  
HEARTBROKEN

I HAD OFTEN  
DREAMT OF COMING  
TO THE CITY OF MY  
BELOVED, INDEED  
I HAVE COME. ONLY  
TO BE DISGRACED





THEN SHE LOOKED AT THE RING  
ON HER FINGER AND SMILED TO  
HERSELF.



BUT POISON,  
YOU ARE LOYAL  
AND SHALL BE MY  
DE. VERANCE

ONE DAY, THE OLD MINISTER MET  
THE YOUNG KING IN RIVA E



MY LORD!  
PLEASE  
CHANGE  
YOUR  
DECISION.

NEVER! I HAVE  
MADE A PUBLIC  
ANNOUNCEMENT

NEVERTHELESS PURUSHOTTAM  
DEV WAS THE WORST SUFFERER



I LOVE HER.  
HOW CAN  
I SEE HER  
MARRIED TO  
A SNEEPER?

YET I CANNOT  
GO BACK ON  
MY OWN  
DECISION



THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, THE LIAISON OFFICER OF THE ARMY, THE NAVY  
AND THE AIR FORCE WERE



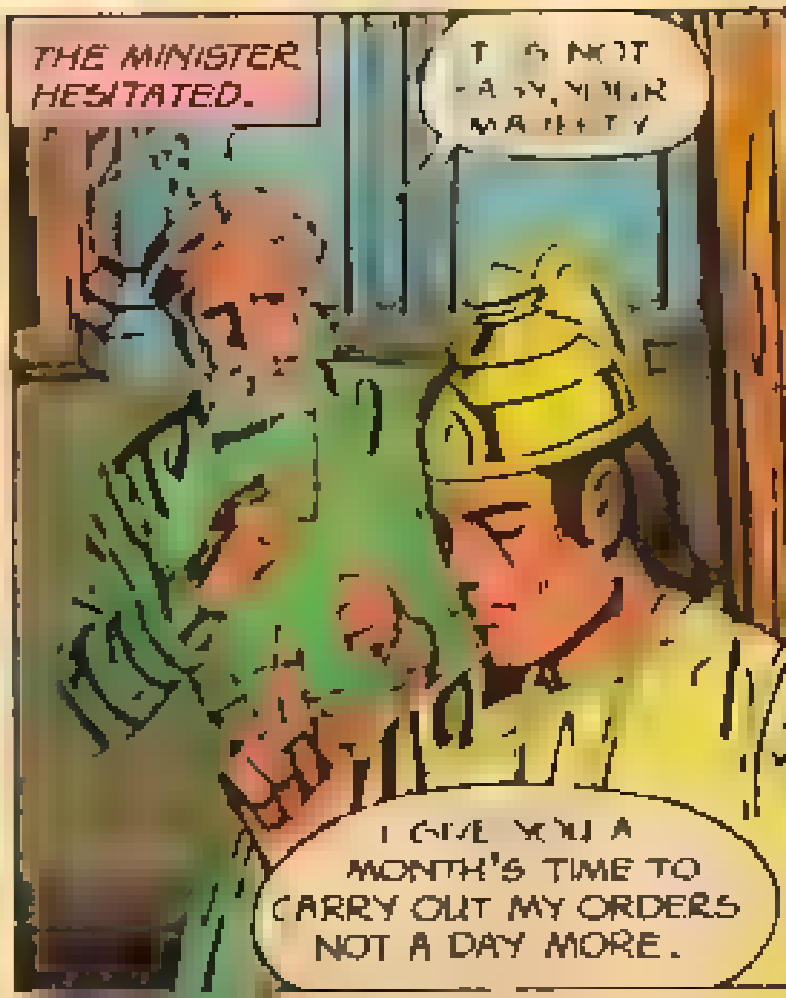
ALL HAVE NO  
FEAR AT LONG AS  
KALIMAT IS  
HERE SHE MUST  
BE MARKED (IF  
IMMEDIATELY

THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, THE LIAISON OFFICER OF THE ARMY, THE NAVY  
AND THE AIR FORCE WERE



WAS YOUR  
FEELING THE  
GUY WITH THE  
EYES?

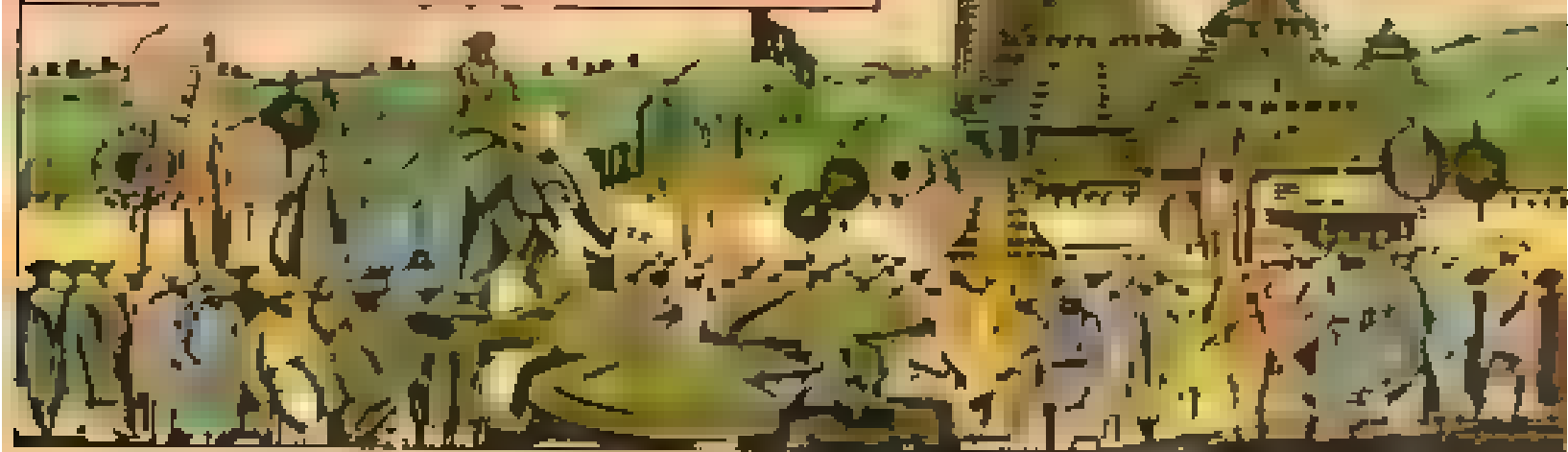
THE MINISTER  
HESITATED.



IT IS NOT  
A DAY, YOUR  
MAJESTY

I GIVE YOU A  
MONTH'S TIME TO  
CARRY OUT MY ORDERS  
NOT A DAY MORE.

THE DAYS PAUSE AND THE MAN FROM THE NORTH  
MAY HE WOULD MAKE THE KING SEE SENSE.  
HEARD THE VOICE OF THE KING  
CAME HOME AGAIN AND THE KING  
TALK AND THE TIME



THE CARRIAGES WERE READY  
TO BE DRAWN.



ROYAL MUSICIANS HERALDED THE  
ARRIVAL OF THE KING.



AND THE KING ARRIVED



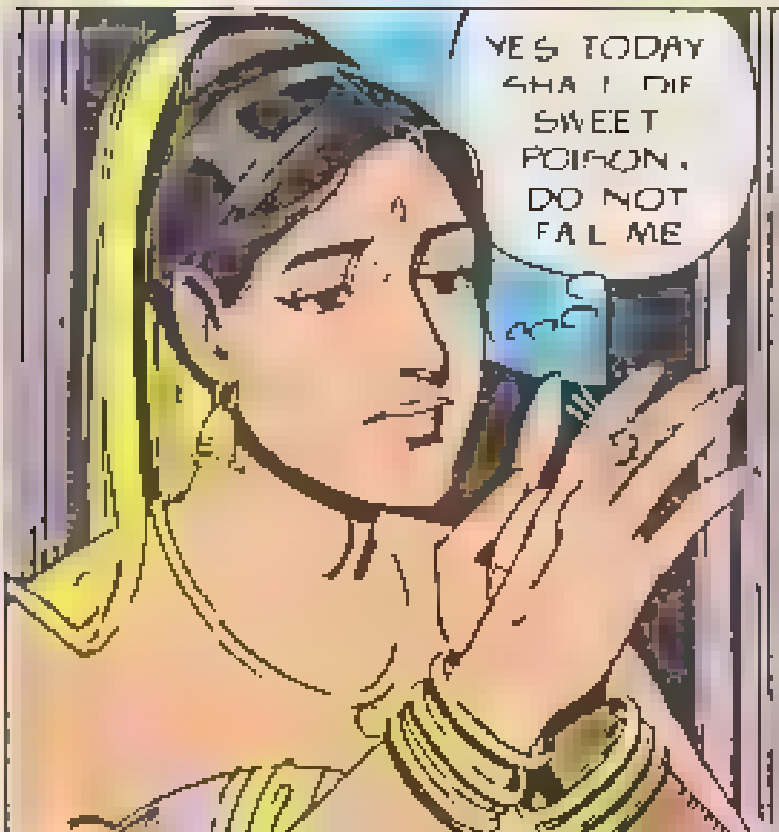
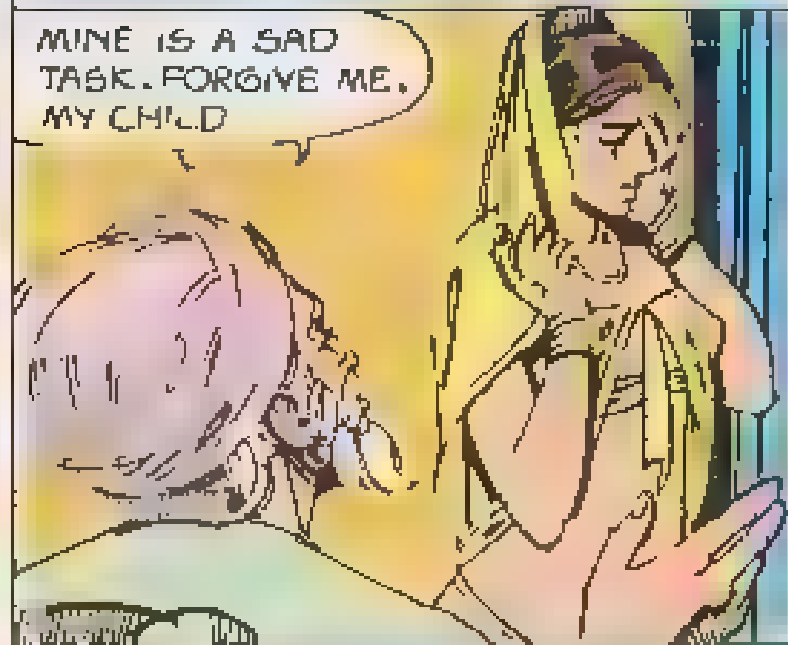
AS PADMAVATI SAT ALONE IN HER APARTMENT, THE OLD MINISTER CAME TO HER.



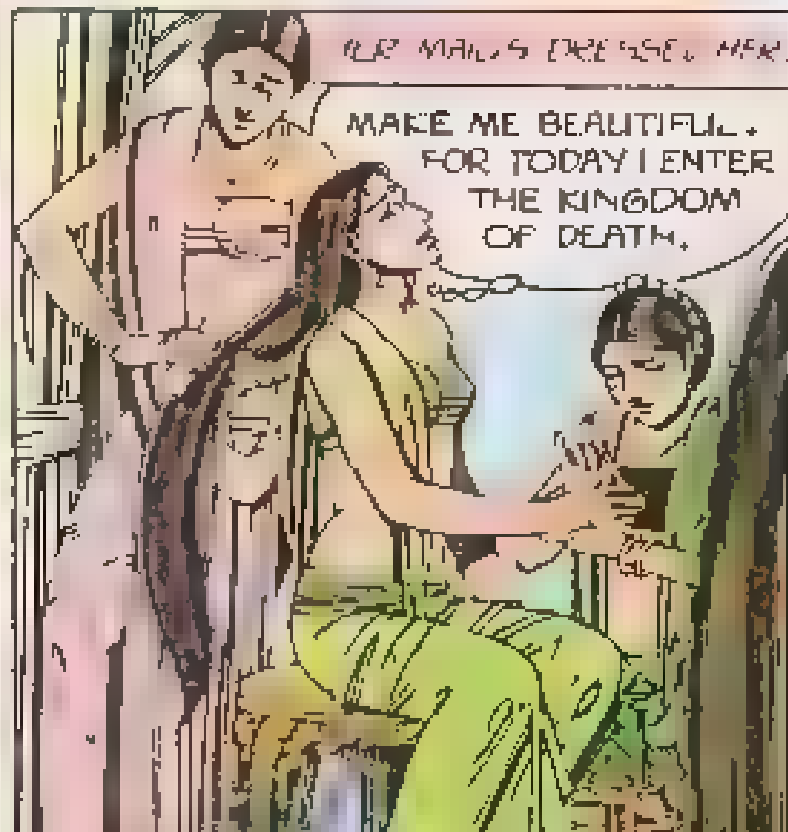
GET READY, MY CHILD. I WILL  
HAVE TO GET YOU  
MARRIED. TODAY  
IS THE LAST  
DAY

THE PRINCESS GOT UP, TREMBLING

MINE IS A SAD  
TASK. FORGIVE ME,  
MY CHILD



YES TODAY  
I HAVE TO DIE  
SWEET  
POISON.  
DO NOT  
FAIL ME



HER MAIDS DRESSED HER.

MAKE ME BEAUTIFUL.  
FOR TODAY I ENTER  
THE KINGDOM  
OF DEATH.





WHEN THE SYMBOLIC ACT OF  
SWEEPING WAS OVER



THE MINISTER RUSHED FORWARD

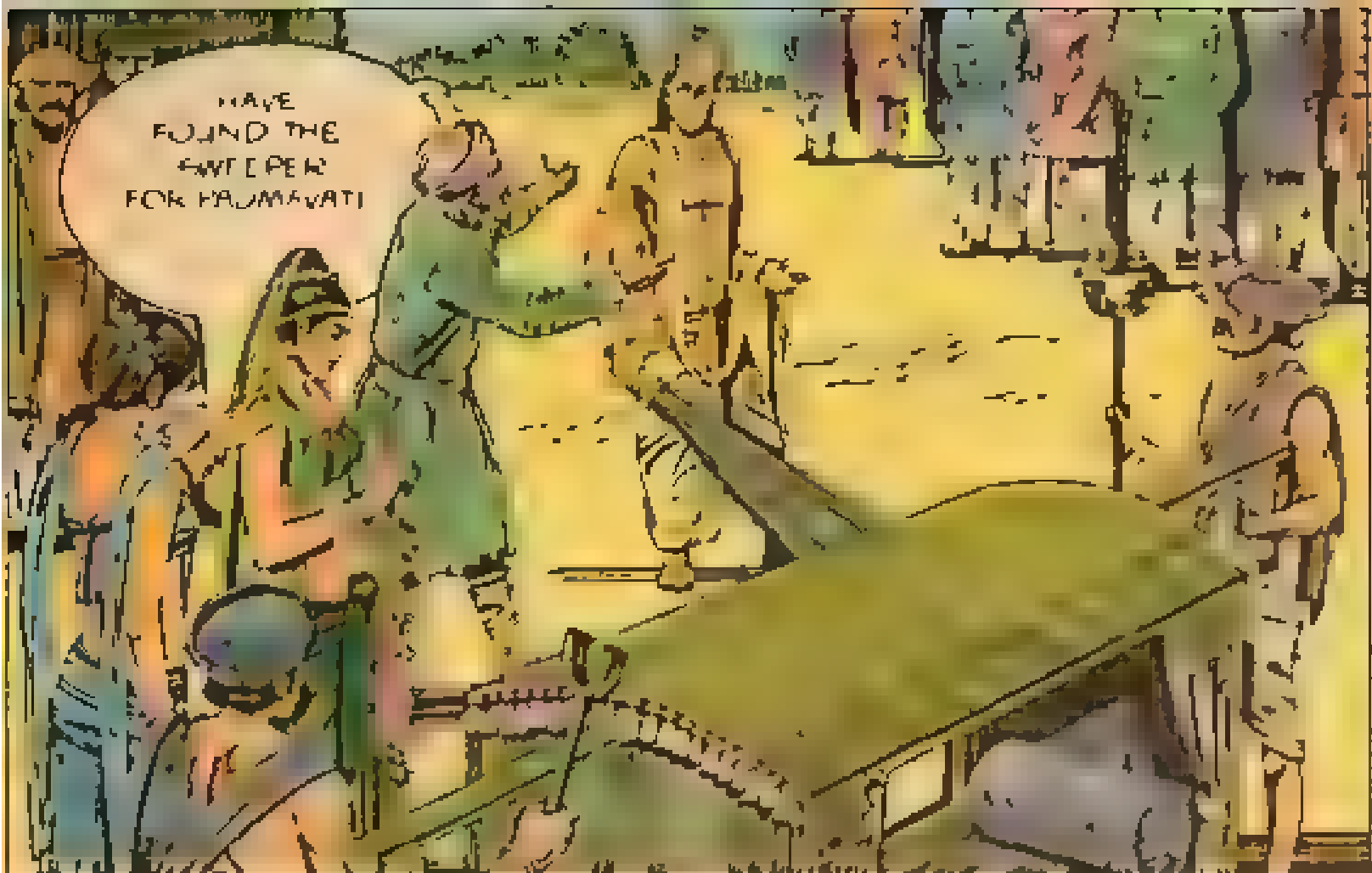
MY LORD!  
MY LORD!



WHAT  
IS THIS MY  
NOBLE  
MINISTER?



YOUR  
MAJESTY,  
HAVE  
DONE IT



PADMAVATI WAS ONLY TOO GLAD TO DO  
AS HE B'D

WHAT HAVE  
YOU DONE,  
MY MINISTER?

ARE YOU NOT A  
SWEEPER NOW,  
MY LORD?

INDEED  
AM

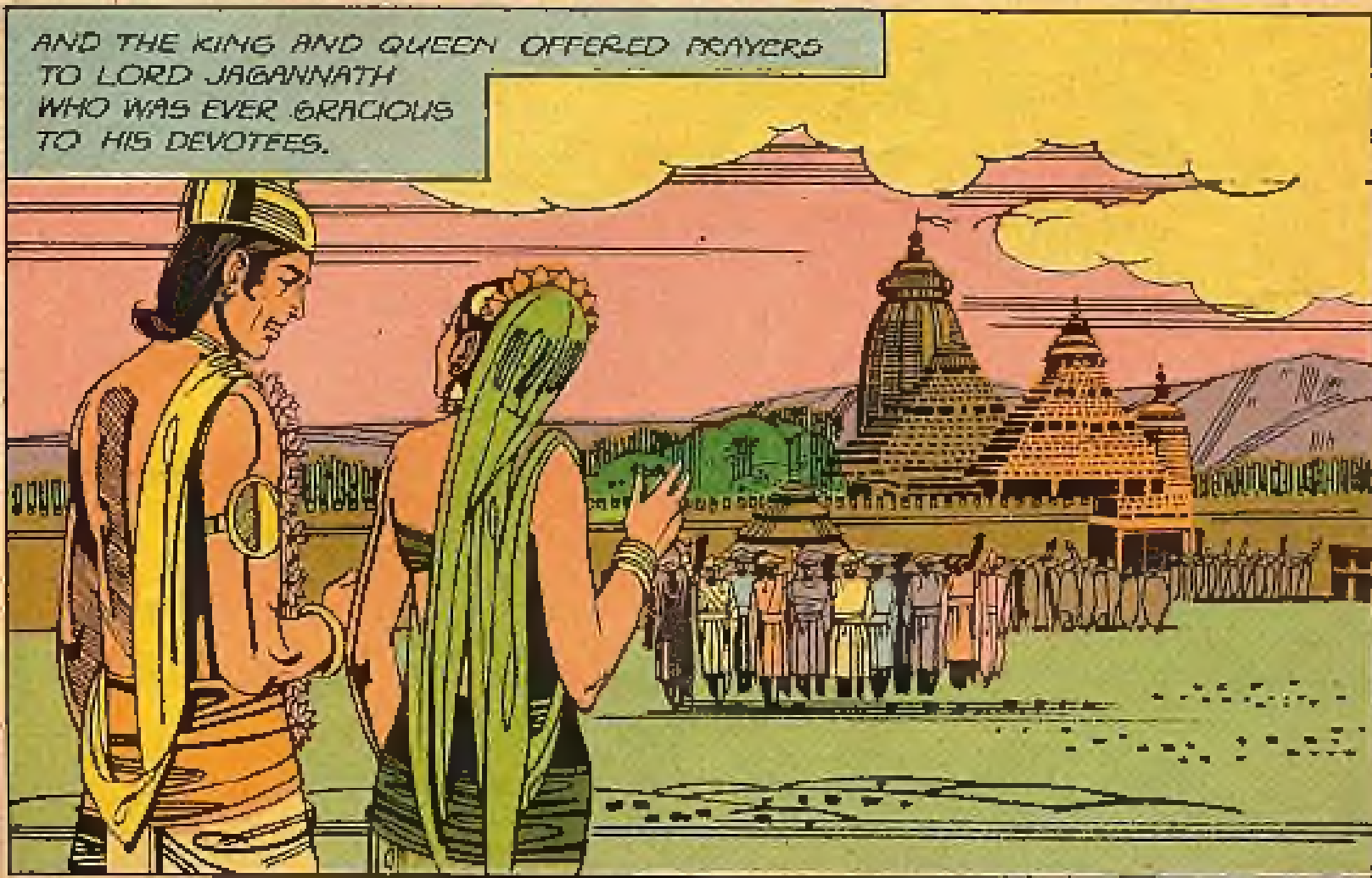
THE CROWD WAS JUBILANT. THEY KNEW THAT THEIR KING WAS EXTREMELY HAPPY. HE KEPT HIS WORD AND HE KEPT HIS LOVE.

GOD BLESS OUR KING.

GOD BLESS QUEEN PADMAVATI.



AND THE KING AND QUEEN OFFERED PRAYERS TO LORD JAGANNATH WHO WAS EVER GRACIOUS TO HIS DEVOTEES.







► ISOLY-I  
► Click III

# SPOT THE CHARACTER

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IT WAS A WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN. IN THIRTEEN DAYS HE RODE OVER A THOUSAND MILES, EVERYWHERE DEFEATING THE ENEMY AND ENLARGING HIS KINGDOM.



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► ISOLY-I


**2<sup>nd</sup>**

PRIZE



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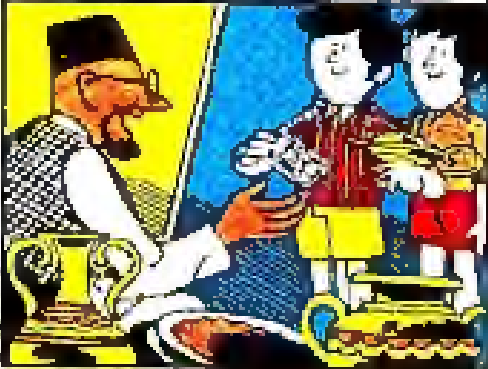
# RAM & SHYAM FIND ALLADIN'S LAMP



To Chor Bazaar our heroes go  
Many a bargain they see on show.



An antique lamp catches  
their eye, so unique that  
they soon do buy.



They rub the lamp  
and give a shout, Lots  
of smoke comes swirling out.



"Hey Ram wow, can you  
see, it looks like  
Alladin's genie!"



"What's your wish,  
oh my master  
I'll grant it  
quick if not faster"



"For gold or silver  
we have no greed, A crate  
of Poppins will fill our need"



Lo and behold, a crate so tall  
A merry time  
was had by all!



LICKABLE LIKEABLE LOVABLE

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